

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TRAINING TO TEACHERS FOR DETECTING VISION DEFECTS

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has given any training to the teachers to detect vision defects among children;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of children benefited as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir, Training of School Teachers to detect vision defects among school children is one of the functions of the District Blindness Control Societies (since merged with District Health and Family Welfare Societies) under School Eye Screening Programme of the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB). During the 10th Five Year Plan (2002-07), a total number of 5,50,278 teachers were trained by the District Societies.

(c) : During the 10th Five Year Plan (2002-07), a total number of 12,10,27,178 children were screened for refractive errors, out of which 33,67,386 children were found with refractive errors and 14,08,109 school going poor children were provided free spectacles under NPCB.